

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1651  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L KARACHI 1888

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BYROADE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, MARR, PK, US  
SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON TEAR GAS HOLDUP TO PAKISTAN

1. I HAVE JUST SEEN A REPEAT TO KARACHI OF A STATE  
MESSAGE DATED APRIL 19 ON THE SUBJECT OF PRESS GUIDANCE  
ON TEAR GAS HOLDUP TO PAKISTAN. (I AM CAUGHT IN KARACHI  
DUE TO NON-OPERATIONAL AIRPORT HERE BUT HOPE TO GET OUT  
SOME TIME TONIGHT.)

2. I AM DEEPLY DISTURBED AT THE IMPLICATIONS OF ABOVE  
REFTEL, AS IT IS THE FIRST WORD I HAVE HAD THAT WE ARE  
HOLDING UP TEAR GAS SHIPMENTS TO PAKISTAN. TO WITHHOLD  
NON-LETHAL, RIOT-CONTROL EQUIPMENT FROM A GOVERNMENT WHOSE  
OPPOSITION HAS TAKEN TO THE STREETS WITH VIOLENCE AND  
DESTRUCTION WITH THE SOLE OBJECTIVE AT THIS POINT  
OF BRINGING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT, SEEMS UNCONSCIONABLE.  
IT SEEMS EVEN WORSE TO MAKE OUR ACTION PUBLIC, AS I HAVE  
JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT IT HAS BEEN ON THE VOICE OF  
AMERICA.

3. QUITE APART FROM WHETHER THIS IS A JUSTIFIABLE ACT  
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ON OUR PART, IT MAY HAVE SERIOUS LOCAL REPERCUSSIONS  
HERE OF WHICH YOU SHOULD BE AWARE. THE GOVERNMENT'S  
FOLLOWERS AND SUPPORTERS ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE TO THE  
STREETS IN A BIG WAY TO COUNTER OPPOSITION TACTICS.  
UNLESS THERE IS SOME DRAMATIC SOLUTION ON THE GDLITIFBL #  
LEVEL, NOT READILY FORESEEN AT THIS MOMENT, VIOLENCE  
AND EMOTIONS MAY BE HEADED FOR A VERY SHARP UPTURN.

OUR PUBLIC STOPPAGE OF TEAR GAS EQUIPMENT TO THE GOVERN-  
MENT'S SIDE IS CERTAIN TO BE TAKEN AS FINAL PROOF THAT  
THE CHARGES THAT ARE RAMPANT HERE OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR  
THE OPPOSITION ARE, IN FACT, TRUE. WHEN THIS WORD  
SPREADS, AND GIVEN THE EMOTIONS HERE, YOU SHOULD BE  
PREPARED FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT VIOLENCE MAY BE  
TARGETED AS WELL AGAINST AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY.

4. IF THERE IS ANY WAY YOU CAN DO SO, I RECOMMEND YOU  
HAVE THIS ILL-ADVISED ACTION ON OUR PART REVIEWED AND  
REVISED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: #AS RECEIVED

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